

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
SAVANNAH DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 4:20CR124
)	
JOSEPH BULLOCH,)	
YUSEF SCOTT, <i>et. al.</i>)	
Defendants.)	

**ORDER GRANTING GOVERNMENT'S MOTION
TO DECLARE CASE COMPLEX**

This matter came before the Court by motion of the United States. For good cause shown, the Court hereby files this written order granting the government's motion to declare this case complex.

Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161 sets forth general timelines declaring when federal criminal cases should proceed to trial. See e.g., 18 U.S.C. § 3161(c)(1). The same statute also sets forth exceptions to the general time lines; and allows additional time in complex cases if the Court grants the additional time “on the basis of a finding that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.” Id. at § 3161(h)(7)(A). When additional time is granted, a Court must set forth the reasons for the additional time. This Court hereby does so in writing with this document.

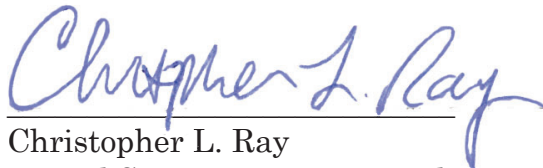
The Court finds this case to be complex for the following reasons:

- a. The case involves twenty-seven defendants, some of whom reside in prison and in other jurisdictions, and others who remain at large.

- b. The case involves multiple jurisdictions within the Southern District of Georgia and elsewhere.
- c. The case involves a conspiracy that started for some conspirators in 2016 and continued until the return of the indictment in December 2020.
- d. The case involves massive amounts of evidence and discovery. The parties continue to confer and review this discovery so that they can have meaningful discussions regarding the case.
- e. At least one defendant has also moved the court to declare the case complex and the Government consents to that motion.

Because this Court finds that it is unreasonable to expect adequate preparation for pretrial proceedings or for the trial itself within the time limits established in Title 18, United States Code, § 3161, this Court grants the government's motion to declare the case complex. The speedy trial clock is tolled due to the complexity of this case so the parties may adequately and thoroughly represent their respective clients.

So Ordered this 7th day of July 2021.



Christopher L. Ray
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Georgia